

REMARKS

The claim of priority to the provisional has been added as the first sentence on page 1 of the application.

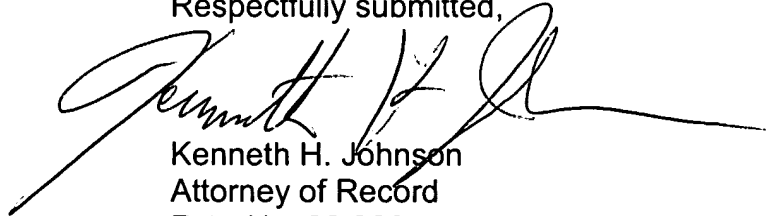
Applicants acknowledge the telephonic restriction requirement made November 15, 2005 and the election of Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a process to the production of dialkyl carbonate without traverse.

The equation on line 14-16 page 7 has been corrected.

Claim 4 was objected to for improper use of "said" without the appropriate antecedent basis: a the recitation of carbon monoxide instead of carbon dioxide and claim 7 for the improper use of "said" without the proper antecedent basis. In claim 4 the recitation of the second reaction/distillation zone has bee corrected and the carbon monoxide recitation corrected. In claim 7 the recitation has been corrected to recite "the first reaction/distillation zone".

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 1-3 and the non elected claims cancelled. Claims 5-9 have been amended to use the term "reaction/distillation zone as appropriate. Claims 4-9 were indicated as allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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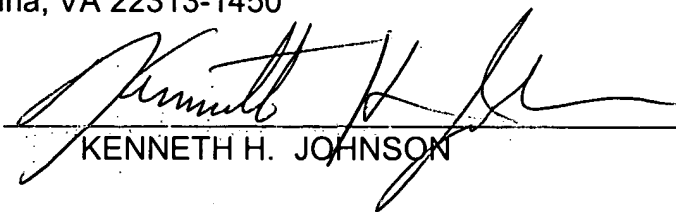


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